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The Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Re: U.S. Patent Application 08/931,721
Barbara Papadopoulou et al
MACROPHAGE-INFECTING PARASITES EXPRESSING
A GRANULOCYTE MACROPHAGE COLONY
STIMULATING FACTOR
Art Unit: 1645; Examiner: A. Caputa

A Communication was received from the Examiner dated August 25, 1998. Although the Communication contained no indication that a shortened period for response was set, having regard to the nature of the Communication (restriction requirement), it is assumed the usual one month applies.

In the Communication, the Examiner indicated that restriction was required among three inventions, identified as Group I, claims 1 to 16; Group II, claim 17 and Group III, claims 18 to 20. The applicants elect the claims of Group I, with traverse.

Claims 1 to 16, as the Examiner states, are directed to parasites and immunogenic compositions. Claim 17 is directed to a method of immunizing which specifically relates to utilization of the immunogenic composition. Claims 18 to 20 are directed to a method of producing a vaccine which requires the use of the immunogenic composition.

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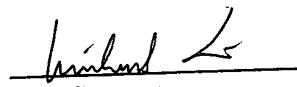
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The claims, therefore, are interrelated and should be examined together in this application.

Yours very truly,



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